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PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES AS AFFECTING THE BOOK TRADE.

THERE is so little hope, or fear, that the tariff bill, prepared by Mr. Wood, will reach a successful vote in its present shape, or in fact in any shape, that the book trade is not seriously agitated on the subject. The draft, in fact, does not seem to be over satisfactory either to protectionists or free-traders, or as a compromise between them; for while it assumes as its leading principle the simplification of the tariff system, an end much to be desired, there are so many examples of carelessness and inconsistency, in items of omission or commission, that simplification is rather aimed at than reached.

The tax on rags, for instance, is opposed to every principle of the protective system, nor is it specially important as a matter of revenue, while its results would seriously affect a most important industry. The process of simplification has resulted in the omission altogether of stereotype plates, and the slow process of rulings and judicial decisions must decide whether they are free, as not named, or dutiable at 15 cents per pound, as type, or at 35 per cent ad valorem, as manufactures of metal not otherwise provided for. But any modification of the tariff, with its complexity, must be open to criticism at the start. The tariff is very like Dudley Warner's "pusley."

We shall not undertake to voice the opinion of the trade, because the trade do not, on this issue, dwell as brothers in unity, neither to present opinions of our own, but to bring out two or three relations of the proposed changes, in the light of various suggestions and opinions from members of the trade.

Mr. Wood proposes to take off from the free list books for libraries and other public institutions, and books more than twenty years old, and to make a uniform tax of 20 per cent on all. This reduction of 5 per cent on current books is looked upon by most of the trade—those excepted who, as protectionists, oppose any reduction—as not of sufficient amount to be of moment one way or the other. The leading houses of the trade are inclined to favor the repeal of the library exemption on the ground that it has been and always will be much abused, especially under the clause permitting duplicate copies to come in free, by the less conscientious importers, who, while ordering for a library, bring in a duplicate copy for their own stock. At first sight, the repeal would also seem to favor American publishers who reprint English books by increasing the absolute as well as relative cost of the English edition, but as a matter of fact, the price of American reprints is so much lower than that of English books—and the edition often compares so favorably—that libraries do not commonly buy an English copy of a book that can be had in American reprint. The repeal of the exemption on books over twenty years old is considered by some as desirable, since it simplifies custom-house business, and does not greatly affect the trade; by others as undesirable, since it imposes an unnecessary "tax on scholars." The importation of books, etc., subject to duty, amounts at present to about \$1,600,000 per year; of books on the free list to something under \$300,000. The trade in general would prefer a specific to an ad valorem duty on books, but the difficulty of finding any proportion between weight and value still prevents the adoption of this simpler method.

The change in regard to paper is one of the most important in Mr. Wood's bill. We shall not attempt to discuss at this time the influence of the reduction of the duty on writing papers from 35 to 20 per cent ad valorem, or of other items in the bill, upon the stationery trade, which is otherwise affected comparatively in minor degree by Mr. Wood's modifications. Of printing papers, sized are reduced from 25 to 20 per cent ad valorem; unsized, which is chiefly used for books, remains at 20 per cent, so that directly the tax is little changed. But the proposed duty of 10 per cent ad valorem on rags, etc., and \$20 per ton on wood pulp, cuts directly into paper manufacturing, and at the wrong end.

It should be understood here that an assumption often proceeded on, viz., that the interests of the book trade are identical, under a protective tariff, with those of the paper and kindred trades, is not founded in fact. The Philadel-

phia Book Trade Association, so-called, in which the book interest proper casts but a minority of votes, represents rather the paper and printing interests than the book trade. Every manufacturer is interested in getting his raw material at a minimum cost, and the product of the paper trade is the raw material of the book publisher. A protective tariff opposes the interests of manufacturers to those of home producers of raw material. But the duty on rags and other paper stock is a tax on the raw material of both, and objectionable to both. The average cost of imported rags is slightly over 3 cents per pound, and over \$3,000,000 worth a year are imported; at the usual reckoning of two pounds of rags to one of paper, the added cost of raw material would be over half a cent per pound of paper, which would work to the disadvantage of publishers as well as of the growing export trade in paper. There has never before been a duty on rags for paper manufacture, except the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per pound of the tariff of 1842-6. There should be no duty.

The omission of stereotype plates and printers' inks is probably an oversight; if the first were free of duty, the result might prove a curious complication of the relations between English branch houses and American publishers. English houses, of course, control their own type, and would be enabled, by refusing to sell stereotypes, to place in the hands of their branch houses the means of reprinting in this country so much the more cheaply than American publishers. Otherwise the exemption would be to the advantage of American publishers, as lowering the cost of this element in manufacturing, and would tend to more printing, but less type-setting, in this country.

THE new Boston firm of Houghton, Osgood & Co., combining the historical prestige of the old Ticknor house, as handed down through Mr. Osgood and his associates, with the commercial strength and balanced enterprise of the Houghton establishment, takes rank at once among the foremost publishing-printing houses of the trade. The personal experience and strength of the leading partners, the one on the manufacturing, the other on the publishing side, are important elements in the increasing success that may be prophesied for the combination, and the only regret of the trade will be in losing from its guild Mr. Benj. H. Ticknor, who has won for a name always honored in trade annals the additional laurels of exceptional personal popularity. He will nevertheless continue doubtless to be personally associated with members of the trade in his

connection with the firm of S. D. Warren & Co., to which he is a most valuable acquisition.

THE school-book discussion is again becoming epidemic throughout the State legislatures. In Minnesota, Mr. Merrill's scheme was not found to operate successfully under the bill which provided for it, and further legislation is being pushed by Senator Donnelly, which is thought likely to pass the Senate, but to receive strong opposition in the lower house. In California, the old battle is renewed as between the powers of the State Board and of the legislature. There are rumors of renewed agitation in Ohio. In New York, the college commission bill finds some support in unexpected quarters, but has not developed sufficient strength to make its passage probable.

WE give elsewhere the Philadelphia postal points, some of which are important improvements. We have, however, grave doubts of the wisdom of relegating the matter of registration to the local postmaster; that has already worked unevenly. With these various amendments and counter-amendments, the whole matter, unfortunately, is getting to be like the Old Man of the Sea; it promises finally to require a combination conference committee to settle it!

MORE applications have now been received by Mr. Terquem, we are glad to learn, than can be accommodated in the space put at his command. It would have been more satisfactory, on all sides, could enough space have been obtained, at the start, to give better length to the little room enclosed in Mr. Terquem's plan of cases, but, for many reasons, we fear it is too late to accomplish that now. The exhibit, though not completely representative, will be a creditable one.

THE NEW BOSTON HOUSE.

THE final arrangements have been made this week for the consolidation of the two well-known houses of Jas. R. Osgood & Co. and Hurd & Houghton, under the name of Houghton, Osgood & Co.

The new firm is composed of Messrs. H. O. Houghton, Jas. R. Osgood, and Geo. H. Mifflin, who has long been in the Houghton firm as directly the manager of the Riverside Press. The old distinction of H. O. Houghton & Co., as proprietors of the Riverside Press, will still be kept up, the new firm consolidating Jas. R. Osgood & Co. and Hurd & Houghton. The publishing office in the Congregational Building, Boston, will be given up, and the Boston

business concentrated at the present rooms of the Osgood house. The New York store will become simply an office, with samples instead of stock, probably in charge of Mr. Oscar Houghton. Mr. Hurd, we are sorry to note, retires from the publishing business, and sails shortly on another health voyage to the tropics. Mr. Benjamin K. Ticknor retires from the consolidation and becomes associated with the well-known paper house of S. D. Warren & Co. The new house will have a list of remarkable strength, combining the American authors of the old Ticknor house with the Riverside standard editions and law and medical works; will issue the periodicals of both, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Law Reporter*, *The Medical and Surgical Journal*, *The Official Postal Guide*, and *The American Architect*; and will add the heliotype business to the printing and lithographic works previously under the control of the Houghton house.

The *Tribune* says editorially, of the change :

It is always pleasant when rivals in an honorable profession find that their best interests and those of the public dictate combination in place of competition. Some literary interests may, indeed, be temporarily advanced by rivalry among publishing houses; but it is better for authors when the experience, the taste, the knowledge, and the business of several can be advantageously combined. A consummation of this kind has just been effected in Boston. The houses of James R. Osgood & Company and H. O. Houghton & Company, both standing in the front rank of the publishing business, have struck hands in a union which, we trust, will be as profitable and permanent as it is vigorous. The arrangements are now completed, and the new house of "Houghton, Osgood & Company" presents itself to the public to-day. The strength of the union depends less on the variety and value of the works, which have hitherto appeared under separate imprints, than upon the association of knowledge and experience in the members of the new firm. The latter is sure of a hearty welcome from its professional brethren, and neither authors nor readers will find that either name loses by its association with the other. The two will soon be as familiar to the public as Erckmann-Chatrian.

PROGRESS OF THE POSTAL BILL.

THE conference of Judge Bissell with Philadelphia publishers last week, including that held in New York, resulted in further amendments which are presented by the Philadelphia committee in the shape of a complete bill. It embraces the New York amendments except the description of advertising periodicals in Sec. 10, which seems rather to invite the exercise of ingenuity in devising schemes to avoid its definitions.

The substantial changes introduced here are :

1st. The registration system is localized in the post-offices instead of being concentrated in the department.

2d. Three months is given to set it in operation, to avoid the confusion of making its operation immediate.

3d. Recourse to the courts is provided to prevent arbitrary exercise of the discretion lodged with post-masters.

4th. The definition of periodicals is extended to embrace semi-annuals.

5th. Permission for "inserts" is formally conceded.

6th. Sec. 12 of Senate Bill is stricken out, on the ground that its definition of subscribers might lead to misunderstandings and be so construed as to interfere greatly with newspapers.

7th. A periodical may either bear a date of issue, or be numbered consecutively.

Many minor changes were included, intended to affect rather the clearness than the purport of the bill.

The Philadelphia amendments, it is understood, are accepted by Judge Bissell on behalf of the Department, with the exception of the clause permitting appeal to the courts, which he desired to hold open for the present.

We give *verbatim* the two sections in which the important modifications appear :

SEC. 6. Publishers of mail-matter of the second class who may desire to have their publications transmitted through the mails at the registered rate of postage shall submit the same to the post-master at the place of publication, together with the fee required for registration, which is hereby declared to be one dollar per annum. The publication thus submitted shall be examined, under such regulations as shall enable the postmaster to ascertain its true character, and, if found to be within the conditions named in section ten, a certificate of registration shall thereupon be issued to the publisher, and the postmaster at the place where such publication is published shall place the same on file in his office, and shall renew the said certificate on its expiration in the absence of reason to the contrary. A duplicate of such certificate shall also be filed in the Post-Office Department. A temporary permit may be granted to a publication about to be issued, when a written statement shall be furnished to the postmaster, accompanied by an affidavit from the person intending to publish the same, that it will comply with the conditions named in section ten, and that he will submit the first issue of his publication for examination, as in this section provided. Publications thus registered, when sent from the office of publication, or from a news agency, to regular subscribers, shall be entitled to transmission through the mails at the following rate, to wit : When published as often as twice a year, two cents per pound or fraction thereof (weighed in bulk), such postage to be prepaid in the same manner as now provided by law : *Provided*, That no publication shall pass through the mails at the registered rate unless a certificate of registration has been issued to it, or a temporary permit granted : *Provided, also*, That every publication admitted to the registered rate shall have printed upon each issue thereof the words "Registered" or "Temporary permit granted" (as the case may be), which shall be evidence to a postmaster at an office other than that of publication, that the publication bearing such inscription is entitled to transmission through the mails, at the registered rate, when presented by a news agent, to be sent to regular subscribers only : *Provided*,

further, That this section shall not go into effect until three months after the passage of this act.

SEC. 7. The certificate of registration granted as in the preceding section may be revoked by the postmaster in case the publication to which it has been granted shall have so changed its character as to make it no longer within the conditions named in section ten: *Provided, however,* That whenever a postmaster shall refuse to grant registration to any publication for which application is made, or shall revoke a certificate of registration after granting it, it shall be competent for the applicant to apply to the United States District Court of the district in which such post-office is situated, for a rule upon the postmaster to show cause why the said registration should not be granted or continued in force.

Rev. Charles Hutchins, publisher of the *Missionary Herald*, Congregational House, Boston, who has also been in consultation with the government authorities, makes the following points as the results of his experience and discussions:

First. Monthlies and quarterlies now pay fifty per cent higher rate of postage (3 cents a pound against 2 cents) than dailies and weeklies.

Second. Dailies, monthlies, and quarterlies, published in the larger cities where the post-office is a letter-carrier office, pay an excessive rate of postage for all copies delivered in the city of publication. For example: Every daily newspaper published in a city which has a letter-carrier post-office, pays more than *three dollars* postage per year, while it is carried to any other office in the country, with free delivery at all letter-carrier offices, for from 30 to 90 cents, according to its weight.

A monthly weighing just over two ounces, by the present law, must pay \$240 on 1000 copies in the city where published, if at a letter-carrier office, and this too when more than half of the copies at the Boston office are simply placed in the boxes, and are not delivered by carriers; same probably true elsewhere. The same number of copies will cost but about \$45 to any other part of the country, with free delivery at all letter-carrier offices.

Third. It will greatly simplify the postal law and increase its usefulness, both to publishers and to the community at large, if sample copies of regular publications can be included with regular issues at the pound rate. There is no good reason why all the issues of such publications as are recognised by the government as of the highest class, should not go at one uniform rate.

With the three points adopted, he claims, we have a simple law which needs no "*rulings*," has nothing to tempt evasion, will greatly reduce the necessary clerical expense of the Post Office Department, will not ultimately reduce the revenue, will be acceptable to all, and which is *just*. It may be summarized as follows:

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both in France and in England, booksellers complain of wholesale producers printing large stocks and passing off their books through the agencies of the milliner and linendraper, and of Scott and Dickens being sold at less than cost price as an inducement to gain purchasers of bonnets, ribbons, and tape.—*Publishers' Circular, London.*

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AMONG the signs of the distress under which most newspapers have been laboring for more than a year past is the revival of "special inducements" to subscribe, and of extraordinary bargains in chromos, dictionaries, and cyclopædias. This is not confined to the religious press, but has been resorted to even by the daily newspapers.—*Nation.*

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

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LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

U. D. WARD has published on a neat card the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostle's Creed.

CHARLES HALLOCK's "Sportsman's Gazetteer and General Guide" is having the honor of reproduction in London, Paris and Leipsic.

THE *Tribune* makes a fine premium offer—Webster's Unabridged and five subscriptions to the *Weekly* (\$2) for \$10—but it is rather hard on the country book trade.

A. COGSWELL has added to his list of publications F. Baucher's "New Method of Horsemanship, including the Breaking and Training of Horses, with instructions for obtaining a good seat."

THE balance of the edition of 1000 copies of Bayard Taylor's "Centennial Ode," was purchased by R. A. Macy last week, at sheriff's sale for 40 cts. per copy, on an execution levied by Tompkins, McIndoe & Co., to cover their bill for binding.

S. BRAINARD'S SONS have nearly ready "Happy Voices," a new musical monthly for Sunday-schools, containing Sunday-school songs and reading matter pertaining to music in the Sunday-school. "Brainard's Dollar Method for Reed Organs" is promised for March 1st.

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REV. E. P. ROE gets good words on the other side as well as here. In reviewing his "Knight of the Nineteenth Century," Mr. George Saintsbury, in the *Academy*, says: "Mr. Roe has proved successfully that a book may be written with a purpose, and a religious purpose, too, and yet not be dull."

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THAT popular singing-school and convention book, by H. R. Palmer, "The Song Herald," owing to a large demand has been out of print for some ten days, but the publishers, J. Church & Co. have now a supply to fill all orders both at Cincinnati and at their New York office, 805 Broadway.

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"THE cuts in Clarence Cook's 'House Beautiful,'" says the *Tribune*, "were sold by the Scribner's to Macmillan & Co., of London, and have been published by them in a series of three books called 'The Drawing Room,' 'The Dining Room,' and 'The Bed Room.' Some of the cuts have been copied into the *Portfolio* as fine specimens of English workmanship, their American origin not being known to the editors of that journal."

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AT a joint meeting of the Senate and House Library Committee last week, the proposition to build an extension to the Congressional Library was further considered. It was agreed to report a bill asking for the appointment of a conference commission, consisting of the chairmen of the House and Senate committees on public buildings and grounds, the chairmen of the respective library committees and Mr. A. R. Spofford, the librarian, whose duty it shall be to consider the matter and report their decision.

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THE first number has just appeared of *L'Athenaeum Belge*, Journal Universel de la Littérature, des Sciences, et des Arts, which is to be issued on the first and third Sunday of each month. The editor, M. E. Gossart, Conservateur Adjoint of the Royal Library at Brussels, promises a similar journal to the English *Athenaeum*.

THE French papers announce the death, at the age of 81 years, of Mme. Firmin-Didot, widow of the eminent publisher, Ambroise Firmin-Didot, and mother of M. Alfred-Didot. Mme. Firmin-Didot was herself distinguished for talent and public spirit. A bust of her husband, from her chisel, was shown at one of the exhibitions.

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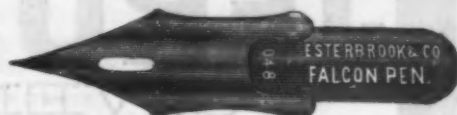
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